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Letter dated 10 April 2012 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Further to the complaints we have previously addressed to you, most recently on 29 February 2012, regarding the support provided by People's Movement forces of the Republic of South Sudan to the rebel movements in Darfur, South Kordofan and Blue Nile, it is with regret that we inform you that the Republic of South Sudan is continuing to pursue its policy towards and its acts of aggression against the Republic of the Sudan. On the morning of Tuesday, 10 April 2012, the popular armed forces of the Republic of South Sudan treacherously attacked and subsequently occupied the town of Higlig in the Republic of the Sudan and took control of all the oil facilities there, including the oil wells, the refinery, and the control stations that regulate the flow of oil through pipelines.

In the course of that attack, the Government of South Sudan used tanks and heavy artillery, terrorizing thousands of civilians in Higlig and all the areas that lie between that town and the borders with South Sudan. Rebel movement forces from Darfur, who continue to be hosted by the Government of South Sudan, also participated in the attack. The commander of the fourth division of the popular armed forces, General James Gatduel, acknowledged the attack and the occupation of Higlig.

In submitting to you this complaint, we request that the Council should oblige the Government of South Sudan to withdraw forthwith from all Sudanese territory, including the town of Higlig, and that it should hold that Government completely responsible for all civilian losses and any damage or destruction to the oil facilities in that area.

We should also like to note that the Government of the Sudan reserves its absolute and legitimate right, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and international law, to respond to this flagrant attack on the territorial unity and integrity of the Sudan.

I should be grateful if this letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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